B)	
dress ded e course. THIS sue at the initiative	
·	
cation from the	
equirements	
NOTICE OF	
ne back) of	
Note the	

	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Notice of Allowability	10/823,166	URA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Isiaka O. Akanbi	2877	
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.			
1. This communication is responsive to <u>20 November 2006</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-13</u> .			
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: 			
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.			
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.			
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.			
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached			
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date			
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date			
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
 DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. 			
Attachment(s)	- 		
 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) Dotice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 	5. Notice of Informal Pa		
, ,	6. ☐ Interview Summary (Paper No./Mail Date	e	
 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 	7. 🛛 Examiner's Amendm	ent/Comment	
Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. 🛛 Examiner's Statemer	nt of Reasons for Allowance	
	9.		
	,		

Application/Control Number: 10/823,166

Art Unit: 2877

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

The amendment file 20 November 2006 has been entered into this application.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments/remarks, see pages 7-11, filed 20 November 2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-13 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claim 1, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious the optical path means comprises a plurality of optical filters, each of the plurality of optical filters serving to combine a respective one of the laser beams output to the object from the plurality of laser beam generating means with the common optical path, and to separate the respective one of the laser beams returning from the object from the common optical path, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claims 2-3, 6-7 and 9-11 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

As to claims 4 and 5, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious an optical path means as specified in the specification for guiding the laser beams output from the plurality of laser beam generating means via a common optical path to an object and for guiding the laser beams returning from the object via the common optical path to the optical signal processing means, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claims 8, 12 and 13 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

Art Unit: 2877

Additional Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references listed in the attached form PTO-892 teach of other prior art laser measurement apparatus.

Conclusion

Fax/Telephone Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isiaka Akanbi whose telephone number is (571) 272-8658. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Isiaka Akanbi January 13, 2007